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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 714.09 and prior to the examination of the above captioned United States patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Specification: at line 16, after "continuation-in-part" insert: <u>United States patent</u> 6,231,857 B1 issued May 15, 2001, United States serial number 09/881,823 filed June 15, 2001 and

While no fee is believed due for the requested amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 131,241 for the entire pendency of this application. 37 C.F.R. 1.25(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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